

RUSSIANS CLEARING PORT OF SUNKEN JAP HULKS

Blasting of Channel at Port Arthur Cause of Report That Fleet There Had Been Destroyed.

New York, May 12.—An explanation of the explosions heard at Port Arthur, which led to reports that the Russians were destroying their warships in that harbor is furnished in a World dispatch from St. Petersburg. It is to the effect that the garrison at Port Arthur is endeavoring to clear

the harbor entrance of the stone-laden ships sent in by the Japanese. In order to remove the obstructions divers are said to have been sent down who placed charges of dynamite in position and succeeded in blowing away enough of the cement and rock cargoes to admit the passage of torpedo boats through the channel.

TWENTY WERE KILLED.

Russian Vessel Sunk While Laying Mines at Port Arthur.

New York, May 12.—Through the posting by the general staff of a list containing 20 names of officers and men killed on board the torpedo transport Amur, April 25, a naval disaster not before reported has just become public, says a World dispatch from St. Petersburg.

According to the correspondent the Amur (which was a sister ship of the ill-fated torpedo transport Yenesei) was laying mines in the Port Arthur roadstead when she struck one and sank.

ANOTHER BATTLE FOUGHT.

Brazilians Attack Peruvians, but Are Forced to Retire.

New York, May 12.—Reports have been received that another battle over the Acre dispute has been fought in the upper Puris valley, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil. Colonel Arujo, who started from Chandless with 220 men, attacked the Peruvians at Santa Rosa. The fight lasted 24 hours. Finally Colonel Arujo had to withdraw, after losing many killed and wounded. Colonel Arujo says the battle was fought under unfavorable conditions.

It is announced that the negotiations are continuing, with favorable

indications. Meanwhile the military and naval preparations continue. It is expected that the war vessels Deodoro, Fonseca, Tiradentes, Tambora and Tamayo will go to Manaus.

New Swimming Record.

New York, May 12.—During swimming contests in connection with the opening of a public bathing pavilion in Jersey City, C. M. Daniels of the New York Athletic Club has established a new world's record of 1:10 for 110 yards. The course included four turns. The old record of 1:13 1-5 was made by James S. Leary at San Francisco in March, 1902.

Goes After the Trusts.

Boston, May 12.—The annual convention of the American Social Science Association has been opened here with 200 members present. In an address on "Trusts" Judge William J. Gaynor of the New York supreme court assailed all forms of monopolistic combinations of capital and denounced in particular the system of freight rates.

Will Not Defend Title.

Chicago, May 12.—Mrs. Bernard Horne, who as Miss Bessie Anthony, won the titles of national and western golf champion last year, will not defend her title in the western championship at Glenview this

year. Mrs. Horne, who is visiting her parents at Evanston, Ill., has made this declaration, but says it is her intention to play in the national championship this fall on the links of the Marion Cricket Club at Philadelphia.

CHICAGO GAS SUIT.

Review of Decision Sought to Be Obtained in the Action.

Chicago, May 12.—Collusion on the part of the complainant in the 75-cent gas case in order to make the United States circuit court take jurisdiction of a question which it already had refused to consider is charged in an answer filed in the federal circuit court by the city of Chicago to the bill of Darius Q. Mills, a stockholder in the People's Gas Light & Coke Company.

Mills' case was filed after Judge Grosseup decided that he had no jurisdiction to pass upon the power of the city to regulate the price of gas when that question was presented in a suit by the gas company. He ruled in this case, however, that the gas company has no contract to charge a uniform price of \$1 for gas in Chicago, and his decision was affirmed.

When Mills filed his bill the city interposed a demurrer, but Judge Grosseup took jurisdiction on the ground that Mills is a resident of California and a diversity of citizenship existed. He decided that the right to regulate the price of gas is vested in the state and not in the city, and the answer just filed is a step toward securing a review of his decision.

FIRE ON THE MISSION.

Thibetans Fled, However, Before the Mounted Infantry.

New York, May 12.—An irregular rifle fire on the British mission to Thibet was kept up from Jong all through Sunday, according to a Times dispatch from Gyantse. One mission follower was wounded in the hip and died a few hours later. Finally mounted infantry went out and drove in the Thibetan horsemen, inflicting a small loss. The Thibetans were visible in large numbers in all parts of Jong, but made for cover when the British opened a long range fire.

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Team Expects Hard Contest

Warrenton Players Preparing for
Sunday's Game With Eagles'
Aggregation of Astoria.

Warrenton, May 12.—The Warrenton baseball team will meet the Astoria Eagles on the local grounds next Sunday. The home players are preparing for a hard contest and expect to repeat their recent defeat of the Eagles' aggregation. It is understood some of the Cathlamet team will play with the Eagles. The Warrenton men think Commercial's victory last Sunday was not so very pronounced, in view of the fact that McDermott fanned 13 Astorians. They hope, after another trial, to make the papers record a different story.

Sunday's game will be commenced at 1 o'clock. It will take place on the new grounds, which are soft as yet, but improving with every game. The crowd will leave Astoria on the noon train and return to the city at 4 o'clock.

Under the direction of W. F. Halderman, the people of Warrenton are preparing to put on the comedy-drama, "Borderland." Some of the local talent to take part is exceptionally brilliant and a most successful production is anticipated. The receipts will go to the baseball fund.

West Side Notes.

Master Arthur Sweeney is home for his summer vacation.

Rev. Levi Johnson held services in Warren's hall Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Gray has gone to Portland to visit her sister, Mrs. Perrin.

E. E. Williams of Wadams & Co., Portland, was visiting his patrons Tuesday.

Mrs. D. K. Warren is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Thompson, at Portland.

D. M. Stuart has turned farmer, and will have as good a crop as any one on the west side.

Mrs. D. Rieman of Portland has returned home after a week's visit with her parents at Skipanon.

H. J. Langoe of The Astorian's circulation department is in Warrenton in the interests of the paper.

R. J. Coats returned on Sunday from Portland. Mr. Coats will soon bring his wife and son to Warrenton to reside.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson is in Astoria with her husband, who is at St. Mary's hospital. Mr. Johnson had the misfortune to lose the toes from one foot while at work in the new mill. He is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

H. H. Ingalls, formerly a resident of Astoria, and for the past three years traveling out of Portland, has purchased an interest in the Warrenton Grocery & Butchering Company. Mr. Ingalls and family now reside here.

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8:15 a m 11:35 a m 6:50 p m	Astoria for Warrenton, Flavel Port Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	7:40 a m 4:00 p m 10:45 a m
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